Dublin March 11. 1867

Dear Mr. May

I am perfectly satisfied with any arrangement you make about the Advocate which I have always left to your management, knowing that we have a common interest in it & that what is right will be done.

The Liberator sent to Miss Barrington, 202, Great Britain St Dublin was taken between her and Mrs Eliza Pease. It is title to go to Miss B. and another is to be sent to herself. The £2 I sent word of will pay for both papers for this year. The second copy is to be directed to her at Ballitore, Ireland.

In the box from Boston came a packet to this lady from Parker Pillsbury, which made her very happy and contained autographs from many on your side whom she greatly respects. Did I ask you to ask his permission to write her a few lines in a friendly way. It would give a very worthy body great pleasure at a small expense. She is one of the most generous creatures I ever knew — according to her means.

I this day was paid 12/6 by Harriet Lupton for the Liberator for 1867.

Also from the same hand 6/3 for 6 months Liberator, to commence on the 1st of April to Mrs. Wickstead, Hafod, St. Asaphs, North Wales.

I mentioned in my last that the Liberator charges on the box were 20/- Since then I had a letter from Harriet Martineau's niece by her aunt's desire, asking to know what the bill cost me — I told her I thought one third of the whole 20/- would be as much as could be fairly put to that account — but that I thought Mrs Chapman had not been here to pay anything. However she sent me the money — so that 13/4 is all you have to pay.

Parker Pillsbury, Nottingham, cash 1/6, for the Standard for 1867.

Have making that letter I have

If Mrs Chapman hears this, she will feel attributes Miss Martineau's obstinacy to some mismanagement of mine. I know she has no great opinion of my head — but I cant help it and must only bow myself in submission to her humble estimate of your humble servant.

Mrs Webb & I spent a good whole in weighing and deliberating, repacking, & forwarding chiefly by post the contents of the box. We found the post the safest, prompt & cheapest way of disposing of them.

You know that some time ago I had rather a controversy against the Chambers for his persistency — which hurt him a good deal. Probably owing to recent events his course has quite changed — he has penned some excellent articles in the journal — and the Wigham has crammed him with good substantial diet. Some documents being required by Eliza Wigham for her use, I ~~[illegible]~~ found them in the Liberator — and sent him duplicates which I fortunately had. I keep a file & have it nearly complete for the last 15 years — I wish I had the power to. I wrote at the same time & sent him my views of his serious private character & explained how much he had been calumniated & misrepresented & my estimate of the position of the abolitionists. This day I was exceedingly gratified by a few lines of cordial thanks & an assurance that his views & mine on these subjects nearly coincide. If it be really so, great good has been done — for Chambers Journal exercises enormous influence having a steady circulation of 70,000.

There is no necessity whatever for any present to the Advocate. I think it had better stand on its own merit & responsibility for its support. It is an idea that we should feel we can be independent. But I feel quite clear that strong as my affections & respect is for you & yours your opinions have never been in the least degree unworthily warped by my prejudices

Lie to James Haughton when he gave up the Standard. I asked you to continue it at yours own cost - & then he paid me 10/ towards that - but for something which I could have taken with an easy conscience if it had been £10 - for he can afford the money very well - being a rich old gentleman.

Thank you for your kind message to Mrs Webb I am quite sure you would not change your good opinion if you were personally acquainted.

About 15 months ago I printed a book for a man named Henchesty, who had been some years in America, a young Irlander, & of course profane. I printed for him at a low rate - Stock connected with the literary part of the work.

When the book was done & I had handed 750 out of 1500 copies over to him he failed, and the remainder lie on my hands.

He has proposed to me to send them 750 copies to Boston to some friend of my own - by whom they are to be handed to Mr Donoghue of the Boston Post or Pilot - on that gentleman giving a satisfactory

note you take at 6 months for a certain sum at which Hennessy has agreed to sell them — a sum sufficient to cover my ~~&~~ account with interest & to leave a balance for himself. The bill to be in my friends hands into discounts & the ~~proceeds~~ to be remitted to me. I thought perhaps you would do this for me — or would get Mr Wallcutt or some competent person to do so. The whole amount is I believe under 150 dollars. I will send the box to Cambridge to your address by one of Train's packets — the freight and duty if any to be defrayed by Mr Douglass, as I am instructed by Hennessy, whom I doubt, when and am doing my best to protect myself against

Could you send number 10 of the Liberator for last year — it is the only one deficient in my file of vol. 26.

H. Wright has sent me some interesting particulars of "Uncle Frederick" which I expect will be of use to me

Yours very truly

Richard D Webb

Don't trouble yourself about Olmsted's Texas if you have not already purchased it for me. I find it can be had here

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